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Ross Ford Grade 1 student Mia Vallee sings and plays her fish as the Grade 1 class performs for Didsbury High School students, Friday.

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Santa letters stream into local postal outlet

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Five-year-old Colby Fifield tapped his chin thoughtfully as he tried to recall what he'd written to Santa for this year.

He knew it was big - so big that Santa would have to hitch up an extra sleigh to his reindeer just to carry it.

"I asked...a humungous slide, cause there's no fun things in my yard," he said after a moment.

Postmaster Sherry-Lynne Loehr has received over 100 letters like Colby's, asking for big-ticket items from slides and horse trailers to laptops and video game consoles.

Children are still shooting for the moon; confident St. Nick will deliver despite economic hardships across the country.

"I am a little surprised...and I wonder if parents haven't prepared them for harder economic times. I hope they are not disappointed," she said.

For the last 18 years, Loehr has made a tradition of opening letters to Santa and reading wish lists. She has seen the heartwarming to the heartbreaking and remains in awe of the

faith young people have in Santa.

She and four of her co-workers try to keep up that hope and innocence by writing back and if their wish is special enough, trying to fulfill it.

Loehr recalls working

in Exshaw, Alta., years before she came to Didsbury, and seeing a letter to Santa that was "absolutely touching."

"This child asked for a binder and paper...so I asked the school secretary if he'd get it for Christmas and she said

no," Loehr said.

"I couldn't let that happen so I went out and bought binders and paper. The secretary added candy to the bag...and we were just bawling."

Across the country, Canada Post has received over 17 million letters

since 1982, with 1.4 million arriving through mail slots last year alone.

Teresa Williams, spokesperson for Canada Post, works out of Edmonton and said there seems to be more letters streaming into urban centres than ever before, and

not just from children.

"Lonely seniors and homeless adults are writing in too...Santa is a symbol of hope for everyone," Williams said.

"These (letters) are the one safe place people can voice concerns and fears."

Postal workers in Edmonton have seen 15,000 letters so far this month. The numbers of letters received by other communities in Alberta won't be known until after Christmas.

Loehr said at the last count, Didsbury had received 120 letters from children, including one from an adult. Usually the post office averages 288 to 350 notes a year.

The low numbers could be because tech-savvy children are turning to e-mail to send off wish lists, she said.

There are programs all over the net offering the service, including Canada Post.

"I just hope it's not because the belief is going away...I want (children) to know such a thing as Santa exists - he is everything fun and hopeful."

"And at the end of a long day, it's nice to sit down and see dozens of letters."



Dawson Phillips, 10, was one of over 100 letter writers looking to fill Santa in about what he wants for Christmas through Canada Post's special Christmas service.

Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

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Crews work to remove snow from the Valarosa subdivision last week.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Town plows through snow budget

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Council could shore up snow removal funds in 2010 after this month's snowstorm blew it thousands over budget.

"When you start hauling snow after snowfalls like we just had, yeah, you can spend a fortune real fast," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"We are going to look at whether or not we need to set more dollars aside."

The town estimates it overspent nearly \$60,000 on contract employees hired to clear snow, when it had budgeted \$10,000.

The additional costs emptied the snow removal fund and virtually tapped out emergency funding.

And more costs could trickle in this month as town employees submit overtime, said James Reichenbacher, chief financial officer for the Town of Didsbury.

He estimates the overtime could tally up to \$7,000 or \$8,000.

Town employees say they haven't seen this amount of snow in recent years. Backhoes and trucks usually collect between two and three large storage piles of the white stuff from residential streets and main roadways – since December 4, they've collected four.

Tonight council will get together to reconsider next year's snow removal budget. They don't want to plow through funds again.

"It could come down to putting aside more dollars or...that we only clean the main arterial streets and

everything residential we leave...to reduce costs," Wittal said.

"I think council has a hard decision ahead of them...they will get it in the neck no matter what they do. People will howl if taxes are higher and howl louder if they can't get out of their own place."

BEA NIEDERSTEINER
resident

means paying higher taxes, so be it, she said.

"I think council has a hard decision ahead of them...they will get it in the neck no matter what they do. People will howl if taxes are higher and howl louder if they can't get out of their own place."

Either way, he expects the decision will be a hard one – especially with municipal elections around the corner.

If the town increases its snow budget by the same amount it overspent this year, residents could be looking at a 1.3 per cent or \$31 increase on their tax bill. And if council decides to slim down services to reduce costs, residents would find themselves with snow-clogged streets.

Bea Niedersteiner said she isn't keen on the idea of being snowed in.

She likes having town employees clear the street in front of her home, so she and her 82-year-old husband don't have to do the work. If continuing that service

Town makes good first impression

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Didsbury has a charming downtown, pleasant people, few signs and some poorly kept sidewalks.

These are a few of the first impressions secret shoppers from the Town of Cardston had after their visit to this community last September.

A panel of five, including assistant economic development officer Kim Boles, presented its findings to Didsbury last month and gave the community passing grades.

"We loved your downtown and the restoration on the old buildings," she said.

"But signage is one thing we saw right away that we think would be an easy fix...and we think the train station would be an awesome location to utilize as an information centre instead of the swimming pool complex."

The Cardston group, which spent a day shopping and exploring the town, also suggested the campground have trees and shrubs for privacy.

"They made some very valid points," said Bob Davidson, during a Municipal Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday.

"There are people trying to find out how to get somewhere here and there's no signage and our supposed tourist information isn't (always) open."

Seven people from Didsbury, including at least two from the commission, returned Cardston's critique with sugges-

tions of their own.

The delegates visited the community, located south of Fort McLeod, on September 21 and 22. They said that town officials should help revitalize the downtown core, which has a few buildings sitting empty.

Though they gave high marks for how well the municipality nurtured its tourism sector with clear signs and attractions.

"Overall it was a very valuable exercise and an excellent learning experience...seeing their community helped open our eyes to ways we can expand things like tourism here," Walden said.

The initiative, First Impressions Community Exchange, is facilitated by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and is geared to help communities learn about their strengths and shortcomings through the eyes of a first-time visitor.

Four municipalities were matched in the program this year, including Carstairs and Black Diamond.

"I think municipalities are hungry for this kind of feedback; it helps them share best practices and compare their services against other communities," said Darren Aldous, president of AUMA.

Last Thursday, the AUMA voted to run the program again in 2010 with 12 communities on board.

As for Didsbury – town administration was "pleasantly surprised" by the suggestions, many of which are already included in action plans for the following year.

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Opinion

Will health councils be meaningful?

DAN SINGLETON



While it's anyone's guess what exactly 2010 will hold for Alberta's health care system, what can be said with some degree of certainty is that the unrest and controversy that has been a big part of health care in

2009 will probably continue over the next 12 months.

And unlike the year now ending, the new year will see an added dimension in the form of the newly created, government-appointed Health Advisory Councils.

The Stelmach government says the councils will act in an advisory role, gathering input and feedback on local health service delivery and, in turn, providing recommendations and suggestions to Alberta Health Services Board (AHSB).

The creation of the new councils comes after years of declining grassroots input into Alberta's health system.

Fifteen years ago there were dozens and dozens of locally elected health boards across Alberta – then there were elected regional health authorities – then there were government-appointed regional health authorities – and now there is one government-appointed body that oversees all health care in the province, the AHSB.

According to AHSB chairman Ken Hughes, the new councils, which include West Central Alberta residents Dawn Morrow and Gerald Ingeveld, will have a meaningful role to play in guiding the health system in the months and years ahead.

"The councils will provide Albertans with a significant opportunity to help us best plan for and deliver quality, accessible and sustainable health services in their council areas," says Hughes.

AHSB board CAO Stephen Duckett calls the councils' work a "key strategy in the success of Alberta Health Services."

With the new councils expected to start their work early in the new year, the time is not far off when Albertans will know one way or another whether the new councils really do represent a "significant opportunity" for public input.

If the provincial government allows the councils to openly voice concerns relayed to them by Albertans happy or unhappy with the health system, and, in turn, gives the AHSB the required leeway and support to address those concerns, then the councils could become a worthwhile and important part of the health system.

If, on the other hand, the government places stringent restrictions on what council members can and cannot say, gagging members who attempt to speak out against the way things are being done, then Albertans will very quickly come to regard the new councils as nothing more than taxpayer-funded mouthpieces of the Stelmach government.

The future direction of Alberta's health-care system remains very fluid as 2009 draws to a close – and 2010 may well see more of the same.



Commentary

A victory for free speech in Alberta

JOHN CARPAY

Last week's Alberta Court of Queen's Bench ruling in *Boissin v. Lund* freed one man from the government's censorship machine, and also diminished the machine's ability to censor citizens' opinions.

The Alberta government's censorship machine is paragraph 3(1)(b) of the Alberta Human Rights Act. This law reduces our ability to speak frankly about issues of public concern if our opinion happens to touch on race, ancestry, colour, place of origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, source of income, marital status, or family status. Anything that is "likely" to expose a person to "hatred or contempt" on the basis of one of these grounds can trigger a human rights complaint. Taxpayers fund the government's censorship machine, but those prosecuted by it must foot their own legal bills.

Under paragraph 3(1)(b), Reverend Stephen Boissin was subjected to a "human rights" prosecution after writing a letter to the editor of the *Red Deer Advocate* in 2002. His letter expressed opposition to presenting homosexuality in a positive light to school children. Justice Wilson reprinted the entire letter in his judgment, posted at www.CanadianConstitutionFoundation.ca. University of Calgary profes-

sor Darren Lund complained to the human rights tribunal about the letter, triggering more than seven years of stress for Rev. Boissin, not to mention huge legal costs, lost energy, and wasted time.

In his December 3 ruling, Justice Wilson set aside the Panel's Order which had required Rev. Boissin to pay \$5,000 to professor Lund, to refrain from ever again making "disparaging remarks about gays," and to ask the *Red Deer Advocate* to publish an apology.

Paragraph 3(1)(b) reaches far beyond disagreements between gays and Christians. Write a letter to the editor calling for more frequent driver's testing for seniors, and you may be charged with exposing people to hatred or contempt on the basis of age. Express your opinion about integrating fundamentalist Muslims into Canadian society, or limiting immigration from certain countries, and your comments might be found "hateful" on the basis of religion or place of origin. Argue that single mothers should not receive welfare benefits if they live with a boyfriend or common law spouse, and a contempt complaint could be filed against you in respect of source of income, marital status, or family status. Criticize current aboriginal policy and you might find yourself accused of contemptuous

speech on the basis of race or ancestry.

Even if the complaint is ultimately dismissed, Albertans live under the threat of having to defend themselves against prosecutions that can be triggered by the likes of professor Lund.

Unfortunately, Justice Wilson did not strike down section 3(1)(b) as an unconstitutional violation of free speech. He did, however, limit the circumstances in which speech prosecutions are likely to succeed. He ruled that only words that demonstrate a real intention to discriminate in the provision of housing, employment, services, etc., or words that incite others to discriminate in such areas, are outlawed.

This court ruling is a positive development towards restoring freedom of speech in Alberta, because it establishes that political commentary on public policy issues – even when expressed in polemical or offensive terms – ought not to be prosecuted.

Nevertheless, Premier Stelmach should dismantle his government's censorship machine entirely.

John Carpay is a lawyer and Executive Director of the Canadian Constitution Foundation, which intervened before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in *Boissin v. Lund*.

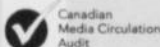
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Kim Boyd, Development Officer
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Bylaw Corner - Snow Removal

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Sports

Dragons grab win from Innisfail Vikings

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury senior boys basketball team netted 81 points to roll over the Innisfail Vikings last Wednesday.

It made for the fourth victory this season - though the boys aren't cheering too loudly.

"I would have liked to see more composure out there. The team started to pressure us and we were unable to deal with that," said coach Jeff Johnson.

He said his team has always been the one to exert pressure on the defensive line. It threw the young

Dragons to have the tactic turned on them and "they turned over the ball a lot" as a result.

"You have your off-days in sport and it just becomes a big wake-up call," Johnson said.

The game last Wednesday was a back and forth match until the third quarter when Didsbury was able to switch to a straight man-to-man defence and better protect their net. They gained five points and maintained the lead into the fourth quarter where the team threw another seven points on the board.

"It wasn't our best game but we pulled it off when we needed to," said post Nathaniel Tucker.

The team won 81-76.

Tucker said come January the team will step up their game to match other senior groups in the league.

"We are still a young team...we need to keep up our intensity and have the game played at our level."

Senior girls play at 5:30 p.m. and boys play at 7 p.m.

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February 17

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February 22

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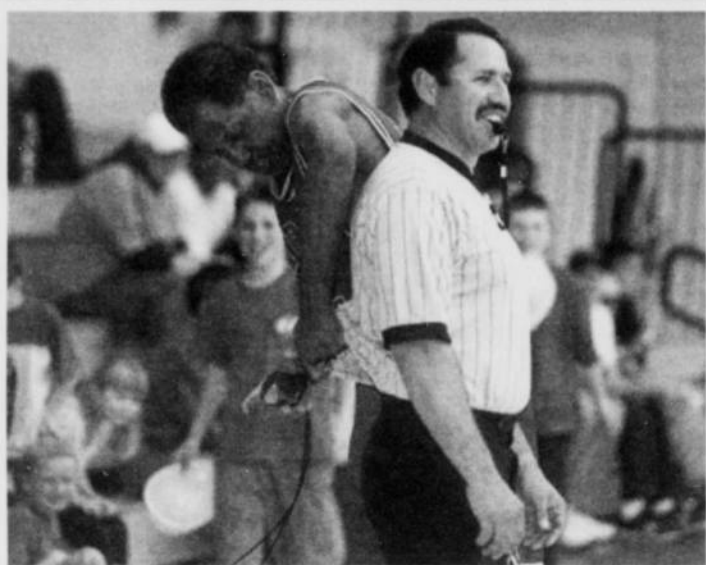


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Harlem Crowns bring humour to hardcourt

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

If there is one thing Mark Dueck expects from the match against the Harlem Crowns in January, it's laughs and lots of them.

"I don't know what they are going to do...I am a little nervous, but I think it will be fun," he said.

"My family is coming out to watch."

Dueck, who plays post on the Didsbury senior boys basketball team, will be hitting the hardcourt Jan 12 against the Crowns for a show of hoops and humour. He doesn't mind

that it could be at his expense.

The Harlem Crowns have visited Didsbury High School (DHS) once before and are a comic spinoff from the Harlem Globetrotters.

Founded in the 1950s, this group of skilled former college athletes travels across the globe to raise money for community groups.

In this match they will play "clown ball", a mix of high skill and ad lib gags, to help the school's athletic department offset costs for students.

The senior boys basketball team each had to pay

\$250 to play this year.

"This is a huge fundraising event...we can hold up to 300 people in the gym and we are hoping to fill the stands," said Ian Bates, athletic director for the school.

"It will be a great game...I think people will actually be surprised at how interesting it is."

The hope of Bates and the senior boys basketball team is that once out, the crowd will keep coming back to watch the Dragons play home games and zones in March.

"Zones is a community thing, so we'd like to see everyone involved," Bates said.

Tyke 2 Game Updates:

What a fantastic season Didsbury Tyke 2 has had so far. With only one loss and four wins our tyke team is proving they are a strong team with a whole lot of heart and spirit. You can always count on #10 Maddox Laveck and #7 Jesse Schmidt to get in there and give us an early lead on the scoreboard, receiving a hat trick every game. We also have some great offensive players like #11 Drake Vickers-May, #19 Braydon Sinclair, and #22 Coulton Campbell to get in there and get the job done. Our girls #5 Jaeden Cameron, #12 Emily Biggin and #15 Corie Heistad can be counted on to defend our net and to clear the puck out of our zone. #2 Jake Read, #14 Ryley Lodermeier, and #4 Zach Miller are showing some terrific skills and drive. Congratulations to Ryley and Zack for scoring their first goals. Our underage players #3 Kai Biggin, #9 Jay Heistad, and #16 Jesse Johnston have a lot of heart and hustle and have made some amazing strides towards becoming some great players. Tyke 2 is having a lot of fun and is looking forward to bringing home some trophies from our upcoming tournaments in Bowden, Didsbury, Medicine Hat and Olds. Thanks to our coaches and managers for making this a great season so far! Let's go Tyke 2!!!!

Way to Go Didsbury Ramblers Tykes 1!



The Didsbury Tykes have been playing very hard this season and it has certainly paid off. These young players have won all but one of their weekend games so far. They work together, look out for one another, and help each other to have their chance in the spotlight. Each practice these players give it their all to learn new skills and work to the best of their ability (even after a long tiring day).

The Tykes have lots to look forward to. They are excited to take part in their first tournament, December 27th and 28th in Airdrie, and they get to go on ice at a Rebels game in Red Deer on December 30th. They will be hosting a tournament in January (15th-17th) and will be heading to one in Canmore in March. The fun has only just begun for this crew!

Figure skaters competing

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is having a great season this year. We have over 110 skaters registered, with a record number in the Starskate program.

We have an excellent team of coaches and are looking forward to a fantastic season!

Welcome back to Dena Wannamaker, Cobi Grisack, Shelley Trotter and Londa Leaver! We also are pleased to announce the addition of Canskate coach, Shannon Black and Starskate coach, Lisa Weber.

We had a pizza fundraiser

that was a huge success. A big thank you to all the skaters and families who worked hard to sell and deliver pizzas. Thank you to everyone who purchased pizza, and supported this fundraiser.

We planned to have our annual Christmas party December 16, with treats for the skaters, and a special visit from skating Santa!

Starskaters have been busy preparing for tests and competitions. Starskaters Carly Dunn and Hayley Lukacs were the participants

at the Spin, Sparkle and Jump Competition held in Calgary, Nov 27-29. Both girls competed in the Junior Bronze FreeSkate Category. Both girls moved up into this category this season and it was their first competition this season. Carly placed 4th and Hayley placed 1st - an excellent showing for our small-town girls. Carly also competed in the Bronze Interpretive Category and placed 4th in that event as well. Congratulations, Carly and Hayley.

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Family hosts community feast for Christmas

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Donnally McNeil believes no one should spend Christmas alone.

It's why she has been opening the Elks Hall for Christmas dinner these last three years.

"I used to be a long-haul truck driver and I'd be on the road at Christmas or my kids would do their own thing...and I would cry because I was alone," she said.

"I'd think, there must be something better than this."

She found it when she began hosting the annual Christmas dinner three years ago, which has the community get together to eat a feast of turkey, potatoes and vegetables cooked by McNeil and her family.

The annual affair happens from 1 to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day and has been a tradition for more than 12 years. When one coordinator steps down, another takes over the helm.

"To be able to do this gives me more joy than any present. It's the memories that are special...you don't remember the blender or coffee maker but you remember how good doing something

like this feels," she said.

Her daughter, Renee, who arrived from Calgary last week to help prepare for the meal, agrees. Helping keep Christmas spirit alive by serving a hot meal to people is "a good feeling, absolutely."

When the meal was first taken over by the McNeil family, 45 people sat down at the long tables to be served. Since then the numbers have grown, with this year's crowd expected to be at 100.

"The phone is ringing off the hook. I think at first people thought this was just for the needy, now they realize it's not," McNeil said.

"This is for the lonely, the elderly and the overwhelmed. There are some people who don't want to cook for their whole family and so they come here."

This is the first year residents are being asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain View Food Bank. In times past, the event used to include a gift exchange.

"We realized not all people can afford a gift...but everyone can afford a can of tuna, so we are doing this instead," McNeil said of the change.

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DONNALLY MCNEIL

Lights will be judged

The Christmas Light Contest was created by the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce years ago to encourage people in the town of Didsbury and the surrounding area to decorate their homes.

We wanted to build on the lighting and atmosphere that the chamber had created in the downtown area with their lights, and attempt to create a virtual winter wonderland in our community.

People in Didsbury and the surrounding area do a fantastic job of decorating their homes at this time of year, but over the past three years we have had no participation from the country and felt that people were just not interested in the actual contest anymore.

So this year we decided to cancel the contest. I guess that was the trigger we needed, because we are now getting a

response from the community, disappointed that the contest was cancelled.

Due to this response the chamber has decided to go ahead with the contest for another year. Hopefully we will also have some participation from our surrounding area.

The judging will be done the week of December 20 and we ask anyone in the country that would like the judges to view their lights to call the chamber office at (403) 335-4625 and leave your land description with Deana.

We have three prize categories in all. In town there is a prize for a large yard as well as a small yard and one prize for the country.

Thank you everyone, and Merry Christmas.

- Margo Ward



SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS - Kaili Davis concentrates on getting the finger cymbals to meet during the Grade 1 student Christmas Concert for Didsbury High School students, Friday.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Prairie Partners 4-H update

Howdy everyone. This is Prairie Partners 4-H Multi's November report. In the past year our club has grown quite a bit. We have 17 members, with another rabbit member and a beef section running.

Our president is Jared

Hunter with Patrick Milne as vice-president, Cassandra Rasmussen as secretary and Laura Milne, treasurer. We have eight steer projects, five carcass projects and 15 female projects. Our weigh-in day was November 2 at Craig Swanby's. Everyone's animals looked great.

The small engines section has been busy over the past month. They took apart a Craftsman lawn mower when they met on November 14. They looked at the intake and exhaust valves and learned about the combustion cycles. There are two 4-H members doing a rabbit project this year. They learned how to clip the rabbit's toenails this month. We have one rex rabbit and one meat rabbit.

We are also still collecting batteries. If you have some you would like to donate call Allan at (403) 335-8096 or Murry at (403) 335-4388.

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Unearthing the origins of Christmas traditions

From Christmas stockings and mistletoe to smiling Santas and burning yule logs, the symbols of the season are so powerful that people seldom stop to think about their origins. But one of the most common symbols of Christmas – at least in the United States and Canada – is the twinkling Christmas tree, which is often depicted with piles of shiny gifts under its bottom branches.

While most of us take these kinds of holiday images for granted, many of us aren't sure where the traditions started or how they became associated with Christmas. Whether you've always wondered about the origins of the

Christmas tree or are simply in need of some seasonal small talk for this year's holiday parties, the following should add some insight into the origins of this popular holiday tradition.

In the U.S. and Canada, the Christmas tree has become one of the foremost symbols of the holiday season. But the origin of the beloved holiday evergreen has been debated for centuries, with some historians asserting that it has Christian roots and others contending that its roots are pagan. However, many explanations trace the custom of having a decorated evergreen tree inside the home to 16th

century Germany, while others go back 300 years earlier to a tradition that began with the Miracle Plays sponsored by local churches.

While its specific origin is unclear, we do know that the Christmas tree tradition spread first across Europe and then throughout the world. In the U.S., Christmas trees were first seen in communities with prominent German populations in the late 18th and early 19th century. Two communities in particular – Windsor Locks, Connecticut and Easton, Pennsylvania – lay claim to being the "birthplace" of the American Christmas tree tradition.

Throughout the world, Christmas trees are a symbol of the continuation of life through the dark, cold months of winter and are linked both to the winter solstice and the belief that the birth of Jesus brought light into the world. In many parts of the world, Christmas trees have long been set up and taken down according to the calendar. Traditionally, they were brought into the house on Christmas Eve and removed the day after Twelfth Night (January 6th), and varying from these dates was considered bad luck.

While the colours green and red are now synonymous with Christmas, the

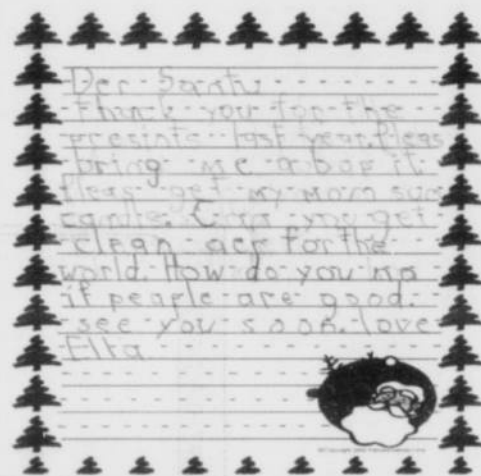
association of these colours with the holiday originally had nothing to do with Santa, elves or even mistletoe. Like so much holiday lore, the origins of the red-and-green Christmas theme have long been debated, but the explanation that appears to be most deeply rooted in fact begins in 14th century Europe, when Adam and Eve's Day was celebrated each year on December 24th. At that time, churches presented dramatic performances – called Miracle Plays – that were intended to teach religious topics to a largely illiterate population. For Adam and Eve's Day, people gathered to watch the "Paradise Play,"

which presented the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Since no apple trees were available in the middle of winter to represent the Tree of Good and Evil on stage, a pine tree with apples tied to its branches was used instead.

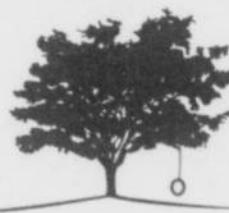
The use of a "makeshift" apple tree worked so well that many churches adopted its use. The "Paradise Tree" eventually became so popular in Germany that people started to erect evergreen trees in their homes and decorate them with red apples. Over time, the green of the trees and the red of the apples became widely associated with the celebration of Christmas.

Letters to Santa and Christmas Day Traditions

written by Ross Ford Elementary Students



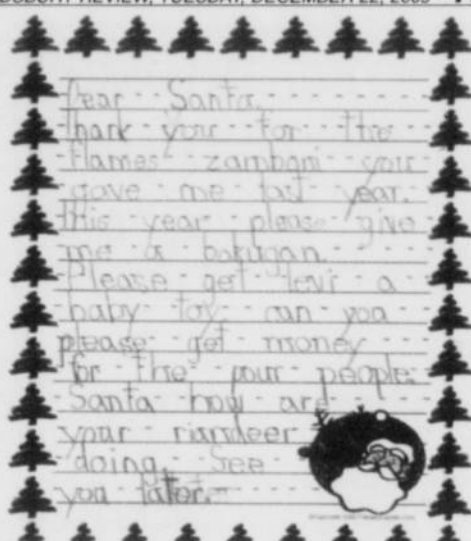
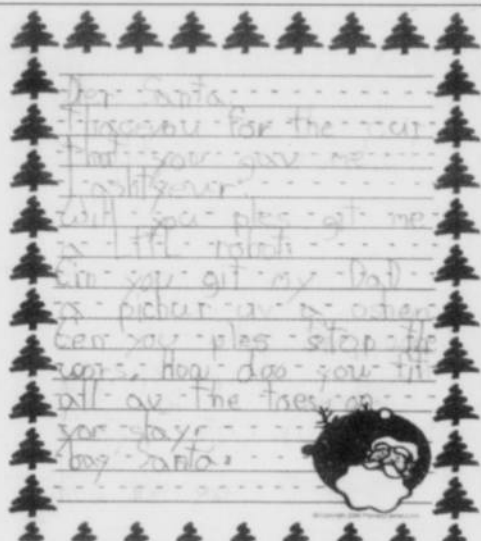
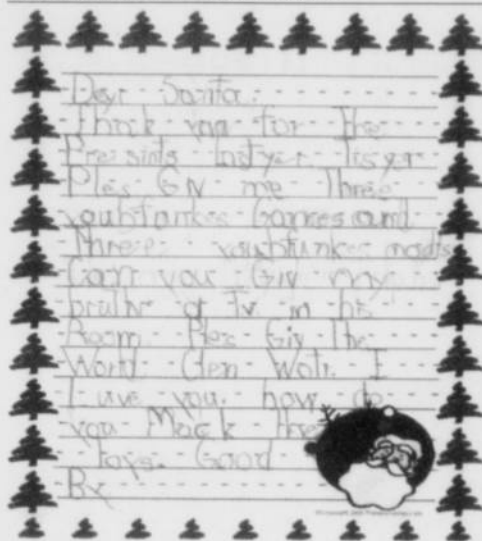
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Though it might seem as though it's been around forever, the beloved holiday song "Frosty the Snowman" actually wasn't produced until 1950. Written by Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson, the song was first recorded by legendary country singer Jack Autry and the Cass County Boys. Once they finished penning the now classic Christmas tune, Rollins and Nelson shipped the lyrics to Autry, who just a year earlier achieved great success with another holiday favorite, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

While Autry's version remained the most successful, and arguably most

recognizable, version of "Frosty" for many years, its success in terms of charting was actually outdone just a few years ago. The peak position for Autry's original version on the U.S. Pop Singles chart was #7 back in 1950. However, the 2007 rendition

by former American Idol participant Kimberly Locke reached #1 on the Billboard U.S. Hot Adult Contemporary chart. The television adaptation of "Frosty the Snowman" remains a staple of the television schedule each holiday season.

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1980s

If you were a kid growing up during the age of excess you were a part of the mass hysteria explosion for new toys. Most memorable during the '80s was the shortage of Cabbage Patch Dolls that coincided with Christmas shopping season. This led to fights at area stores and bidding wars over the dolls.

Boys in the '80s were enthralled by the action figure craze sparked by favorite cartoon characters. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, He-Man and Transformers were just some of the action figures played with primarily by boys. However, girls

enjoyed spin-off series, such as She-Ra and the co-ed Thundercats and subsequent action figures.

In terms of dolls, apart from Cabbage Patch Dolls, kids could choose among Rainbow Brite and her cohorts, Popples, Care Bears and many others.

For those looking for video game action, the introduction of Nintendo in the late '80s created mass appeal and totally eclipsed earlier efforts by Atari.

1990s

Rollerblades were one of the big trends of the era. It was no longer cool to roller skate on four wheels. Younger children had to have Tickle Me Elmo, which sold out in stores almost as fast as Cabbage Patch Dolls from a decade earlier. Children today still enjoy other animated Elmo reincarnations.

Another toy craze that hit the 1990s were Beanie Babies and Furby, a computerized creature that actually "learned."

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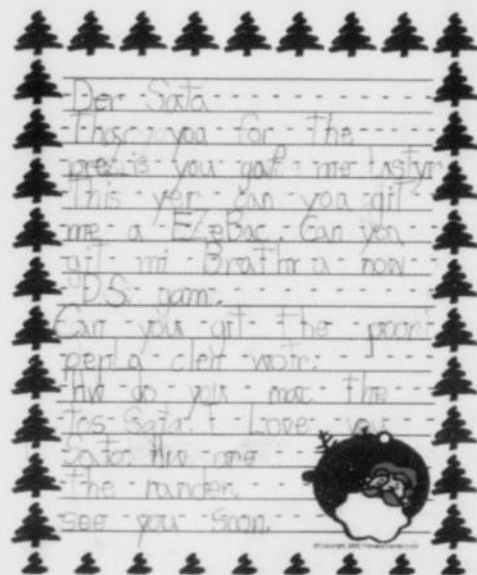
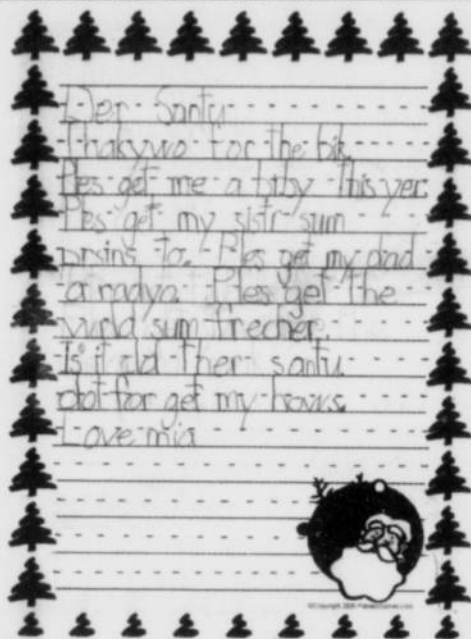
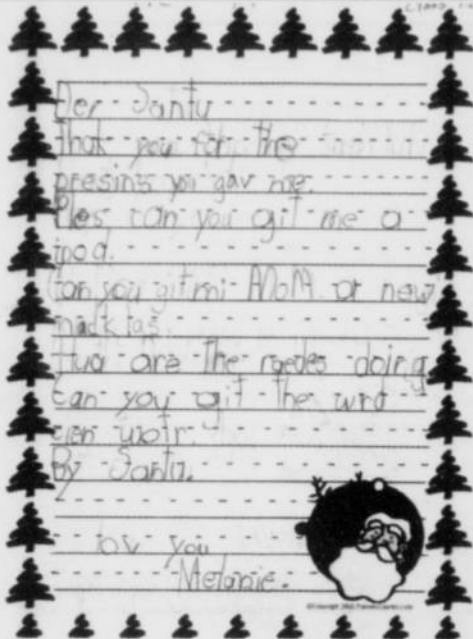
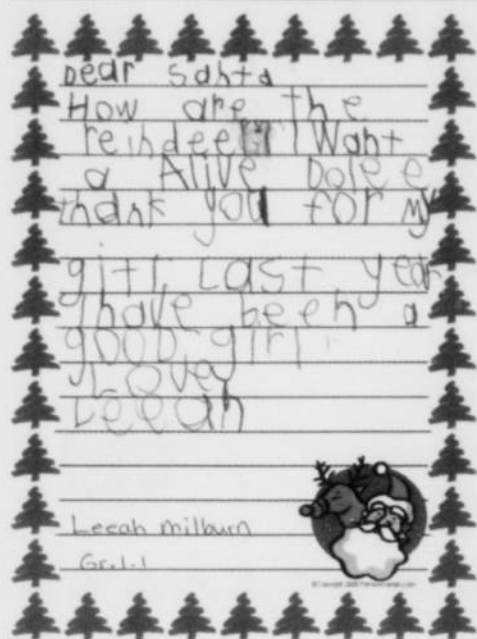
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gift last year.
Love
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Megan Rutledge
Gr. 11



Dear Santa
How are the
elves and
Rudolph doing?
I would like a
dog. Thank you
for my gift last
year. I was a
good girl.

Love
Mckenna
Mckenna Dussault
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Dear Santa
How are you and
Rudolph?
I am looking
forward for my presents
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How are the elves?
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Your friend
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Austin Cartwright
Grade 1




Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I
have been good. Thank
you for the gift last
year. This year I would
like a cat.
From
Brenton

Brenton Robertson
Grade 1




Dear Santa,
How are the elves?
Is Rudolph real? Thanks
for the presents from
last year. This year I
would like a Dark Gun.
Love
Carson

Carson Akister
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Dear Santa,
Why are you
dressed in red and
white? This year I
would like a new
game that you for
my gift last year.
I was a good girl.
from Sophie

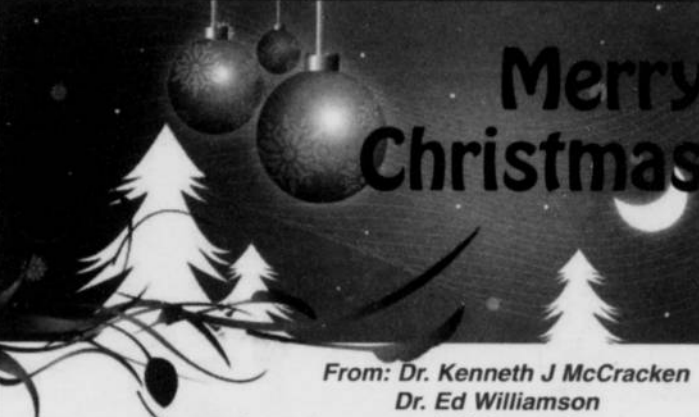
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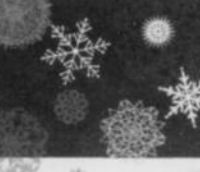
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year! From Jngn

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Letters to Santa and Christmas Day Traditions

written by Ross Ford Elementary Students

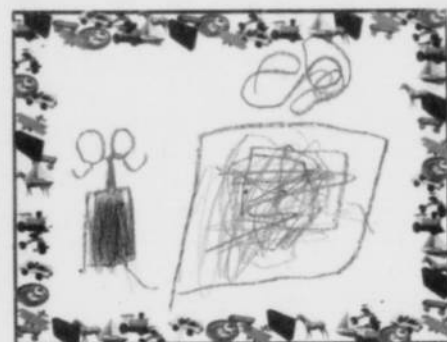
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ATC Christmas
my family's presents.
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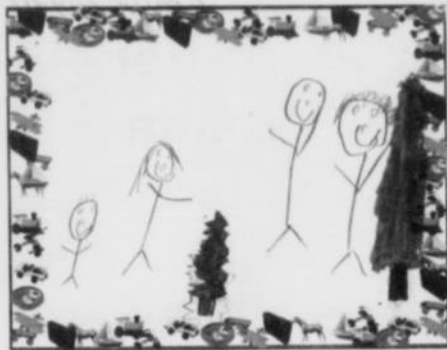
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and grandpa
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At Christmas,
my family eat turkey
Zara Waiting



At Christmas my
family celebrates
Jesus' Birthday
Amij Black



At Christmas
my family eats
lots of cookies
Phillip Davey



"Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will
toward men"

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At Christmas my
Family hangs stockings
Memphis Enns



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my family
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At Christmas my
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Christmas tree.
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At Christmas.

my family hangs
up stockings.

Sydney
Baird



At Christmas, my family
decorates
our Christmas tree

Sky
Busby



At Christmas

my family opens
presents.

Brooklyn
Campbell



At Christmas
my family gives
to people who don't
have gifts

Luke Hildebrandt



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Greetings
& Best
Wishes to
All in 2010

From the
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Oren Arnold

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95.
my family hangs
up stockings.



At Christmas, my
family goes to
Nana's and Grandpa
for dinner



At Christmas, my
family puts up a
tree.



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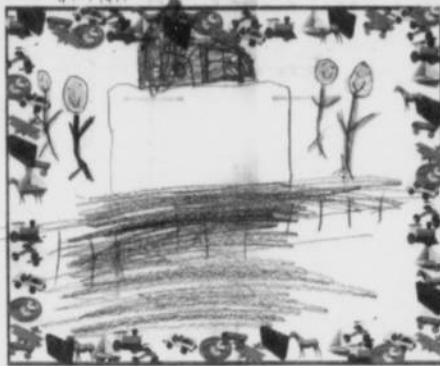
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At Christmas my
family opens presents.
Austin Irwin



at Christmas my family
decorates and opens presents.
William Morris



At Christmas my
family opens presents.
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what I hear?"*

*"Do you hear
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A man covered his quad after it had broken down, planning to pick it back up later. When he went back, sometime between November 13 and 24, it was missing. A box that had been stored on the back of the machine remained.

"If someone came across a quad and thought it was abandoned property, it was not," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"There is a person who is certainly looking to have it turned in."

Hit and run

A vehicle parked in front of the Value Drug Mart was

hit at noon, December 11.

The other car fled the scene and police are seeking witnesses.

Watch for fraud

Police are warning people not to send money overseas, after a fraudulent fax was sent to a local man.

The fax asked the resident to become involved in a

scheme that would have \$100 million split between "bank officials" and him. The money apparently once belonged to former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. If the Didsbury resident pretended to be Hussein's next of kin, they'd give him 30 per cent of the take - his personal information would have to be forwarded.

Faxes, e-mails and phone calls that ask for personal information or money for get-rich-quick schemes - are fraudulent. Unfortunately, there are people out there who fall for them, Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said.

"If you send the money there is little we can do at that time...it's overseas," he said.

He recommends that if anyone suspects fraud to call PhoneBusters - which will track the scam and issue warnings.

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DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coultas at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Stecker at 403-335-4281.

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals

&/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**. Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589.

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave. Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson. 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30, Downstairs Victoria

Square Mall 403-559-8801.

ADULT HALL WALKING at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

"YOU LIKE TO QUILT or "I'd like to learn to quilt, join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Sunday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 a.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. everyone welcome.

BABY DROP IN @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month.

A great opportunity to meet other new parents.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5-8; Brownies 7-8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more info.

FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm. TEN

ARC SENIOR RV'ERS CLUB - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711. TEN

MIDWAY SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862. TEN

ROSEBUD HALL UPCOMING EVENTS Dec 13 Free Family Swim & potluck supper 1-3pm. Dec 22 Family Games night 7pm. Open to all Didsbury & area residents. 47-51

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICE Blood Donations will be held at Olds College Alumni Centre Mon., Feb. 1, 2010. 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm 49-4

ROSEBUD HALL - December 22 Games Night 7 p.m. January 5 Games Night 7 p.m.

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER on December 25, 2009 at Didsbury Elks Hall, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No gifts. Please bring donation for Food Bank. For more info 403-335-8299.

ROSEBUD HALL Dec. 22 Games Night 7:00 pm. Jan. 5 Games Night 7:00pm. 50-1

DIDSBURY LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING at Town Shop Jan. 7, 2010 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Hot chocolate will be served. Donations to Food Bank will be appreciated. 51-1



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Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664

Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Laft

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

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Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse

Please join our church family for worship,

10 a.m. each Sunday,

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Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.

For information about mid-week programming for

children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or

see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles

Pastor Trevor Kriksa, info - 337-2020.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

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Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta

5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,

8km E on Bergthal Rd.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs

Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group

Small Group Bible Study meetings

throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan

Office: 335-4422

Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril - 335-3842

Catholic Women's League:

Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 a.m.

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Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor

John Reimer, Associate Pastor

(Life Groups & Worship)

Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor

(Global Connections & Youth)

Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries

Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries

Sunday Services

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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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HOLIDAY HAMPERS - Gord Leeson, a realtor with Royal Le Page Wildrose Real Estate in Olds shakes hands with Frank Henley, a director with the Mountain View Food bank after making a Christmas hamper donation to the region's food bank. Leeson wants to share his unique idea to help support the Mountain View Food Bank. Santa's Choice, formerly Crisco Hampers) has a program where you can choose a hamper of your choice, make monthly payments, and have it delivered just before Christmas. Leeson is advocating purchasing the hampers and donating them to the food bank. "This way it doesn't hurt your pocketbook all at once and you can help the food bank at a critical time," Leeson said.

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Ad copy to be in by Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

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Ads must be booked and ad copy in
by Wednesday, December 30, 2009.



Didsbury Marketplace

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BLAIN

It is with great sadness that the family of Donald Alexander Blain announces his passing at the Didsbury Hospital on Dec. 14, 2009 at the age of 77 years.

Don will be forever remembered by his daughters Sally (Larry) and Nancy, his sisters Vera and Lila (Tom), his nephews, his nieces and their families. His kind and generous ways will be fondly remembered by his many treasured friends.

A funeral service was held Dec. 19, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Knox United Church with Mr. Ian Kellogg officiating. Interment was held prior to the service at the Didsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made directly to the Rugby Hall.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Unit 4, the Recreation staff, Dr. Craven and Dr. Smit for the comfort and care they provided to our Dad. We would also like to thank the community for their care and support at this difficult time.

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**FAIRWEATHER, Margaret**

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Margaret Fairweather at the Didsbury Hospital. Margaret was born May 15, 1926 in Calgary. She really enjoyed the farm life, all the farm animals and gardening. She also drove a school bus for sixteen years for Cardinal Coach Lines and volunteered for Calgary Public Health Services. The doors to her home were always open. Margaret is survived by Dianne Campbell, James Fairweather, Mike and Brian Campbell, Lisa (Brook) McPherson and nephews Allan and Cecil Fraser. A Funeral Service was held at FOSTER'S GARDEN CHAPEL, 3220 - 4 Street N.W., Calgary (across from Queen's Park Cemetery) on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at Queen's Park Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family via the website www.fostersgardenchapel.ca.

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**ALLEN**

Wilfred Allen passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the age of 90. Wilfred was born on June 23, 1919 to Arthur and Emma Allen in Retlaw, AB and raised in the Southern Alberta area. He served in WWII. Wilfred married Eileen Bradshaw and raised three children. In 1980 they moved to the Sundre/Didsbury area. Wilfred is survived by his sister Violet Pickering of Lethbridge; three children Barb (George) Paul, Karen Dick and Rodney (Kelly) Allen all of Didsbury; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mountainviewfuneralchapels.com. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone: 403-335-4773. Locally Owned and Operated. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.



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Lovingly remembered
by your wife and
best friend, Jessie

McNAUGHTAN - John

July 12, 1917 -
December 18, 2009

John, beloved husband of Catherine McNaughtan of Calgary, formerly of Didsbury, AB, passed away on Friday, December 18, 2009 at the age of 92 years.

John was born in Braco Perthshire, Scotland where he farmed with his father. In 1948 he married Catherine Yellowlees of Acme, AB and they recently celebrated their 61st anniversary. They lived in Scotland until 1951 when they moved to the Didsbury area. John and Catherine farmed in the Neapolis area and later in the Midway community until they retired to Didsbury in 1983. In 2004 they moved to Calgary where he has since resided. In his retirement he enjoyed golfing, painting and bowling.

Besides his loving wife Catherine, John is survived by his son Ian of Sydney, Australia, and his three daughters and two sons-in-law: Margaret McNaughtan of New Westminster, BC, Sheila McNaughtan and Russ Heppell of Edmonton and Elizabeth (Bea) McNaughtan and Joel Mayer of Calgary. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Edna Yellowlees and her family.

Funeral Services will be held at Knox United Church, 1406 - 19th Ave. Didsbury, AB on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made to the Knox United Church Memorial Fund.



In living memory of John McNaughtan, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES
Park Memorial Chapel, 5008 ELBOW DRIVE
S.W. Telephone: (403) 243-8200.

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

Mountain View Community Hall
New Years Eve
Dinner & Dance
Thursday, December 31, 2009
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Dance to Follow

180. Thank You 180. Thank You

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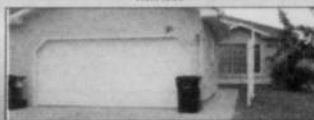
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